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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14th MAY 2017

Saturday 13th May

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| St. Theresa's | 10.00 a.m. | NO SERVICE |
| St Columba's | 2.00pm | Mass for the Sick |
| St. Columba's | 6.30 p.m. | The Parish – Vigil Mass |

Sunday 14th May

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| St. Theresa's | 9.30 a.m. | John O'Regan & Maura Dorning |
| St. Columba's | 11.00 a.m. | Bernard Bownas |

Monday 15th May

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| St. Theresa's | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| St. Columba's | 12 noon | Requiem Mass, John Herbert |

Tuesday 16th May

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| St Columba's | 12 noon | Requiem Mass, John Graham Holland |
| St. Theresa's | 6.30 pm | No Service |

Wednesday 17th May

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| St Columba's | 9.15 a.m. | Special Intention (MB) |
| St Theresa's | 7.00 p.m. | Maria Greenacre RIP The Rosary |

Thursday 18th May

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| St Theresa's | 10.45am | Requiem Mass, Mary Lally |
| St Columba's | 12 noon | Requiem Mass, Joyce Mary Ahern |

Friday 19th May *St Milburga*

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| St Theresa's | 8-8.55a.m | Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 9.00 a.m | John Embley RIP |
| St Columba's | 7.00p.m | Jeanette Gaughram |

Saturday 20th May

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| St. Theresa's | 10.00a.m | Private Intention |
| St Columba's | 6.30 pm | Marie-Therese Camilleri - Vigil Mass |

Sunday 21st May

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| St Theresa's | 9.30 a.m | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St Columba's | 11.00a.m | The Parish |

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m. followed at 9.10 a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS

St. Columba's: Between 6.00 pm. and 6.25pm. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

Congratulations to the McNee family, whose son, Freddie Ryan, was baptised last Sunday. We pray for the latest addition to the parish family.

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST. COLUMBA'S:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families.

- We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy communion this weekend: Eleanor Neve, Eryn Pierce and Caroline Ralph.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST THERESA'S

These will take place on Sunday 25th June at the 9.30am Mass.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £574.13; Planned Giving £467.76; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £40.69.

St Theresa's: £323.97 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for John Herbert, John Graham Holland, Joyce Ahern, and Mary Lally who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. John Herbert's Funeral will take place at 12 noon on Monday 15th May at St Columba's, John Graham Holland's at 12 noon on Tuesday 16th May at St Columba's, Joyce Ahern's at 12 noon on Thursday 18th May at St Columba's, the family have requested family flowers only, with donations to Claire House. Mary Lally's at 10.45am on Thursday 18th May. May they rest in peace.

ST COLUMBA'S & ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

These are available in the anniversary books at both churches. Please remember them in your prayers:

CHESTER HALF MARATHON SUNDAY 21st MAY

Due to road closures for the Chester Half Marathon on Sunday 21st May, there will be no access to St Theresa's after 8.30am via the Countess Way roundabout. People who attend St Theresa's 9.30am Mass and use this route will have to make alternative arrangements.

ST THERESA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Arley Close, Lincoln Drive and Grasmere Road.
- The elderly and housebound. For all who prepare the food and for those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

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| 14th May | SPUC | Parish |
| 21st May | Elizabeth & Chris Nichols | Tombola |
| 28th May | Elizabeth & Chris Nichols | Tombola |

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

St Theresa's: Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Many thanks to those who attended or helped in any way with this Mass on Saturday.

SPUC ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will hold their annual collection at St Columba's this weekend, **Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th May**. Please give generously as you leave the church. Thank you.

SPRING FAYRE – SUNDAY 14th MAY (St Theresa's):

The Spring Fayre is being held in the Parish Centre **TODAY, SUNDAY 14th May** after the 9.30am Mass. Thanks to those who have brought in items. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 14th May Spring Fayre, St. Theresa's Parish Centre after 09:30 Mass.

Friday 19th May Social Evening - Lourdes Youth Group

Sunday 11th June Annual BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St. Columba.

Friday 16th June Family Bingo Night 7pm St Columba's Parish Hall

Friday 28th July Annual coach trip to York

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

Many thanks to those who have returned the forms, whether it is to say yes or no. If you haven't yet done so there are some cards at the back of the church, please complete them and put in the post box provided, this will save you from receiving a 'phone call later in the week. Many thanks.

CAFOD AFRICAN FAMINE APPEAL

A letter from CAFOD has been received thanking everyone for the cheque received from the proceeds of the recent appeal.

CHURCHES TOGETHER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:

This will be held on **Wednesday 17th May**. 12.00-1.30pm in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Church, Church Lane, Upton. The lunch will be soup and rolls plus cake or pie, and as well as being a social occasion it is a fund-raiser for Christian Aid- and this year Christian Aid Week runs from 14th-20th May.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This year, St Columba's is hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **15-21st May 2017**

This will be held in the Iona Chapel at St Columba's, from 6.45pm to 7.15pm unless otherwise stated:

Mon 15th May (Day1+2) led by St Columba's

Tues 16th May (Day 3) led by URC

Weds 17th May (Day 4) led by Holy Ascension

Thurs 18th May (Day 5+ 6) led by St Columba's

Fri 19th May (Day 7) led by URC

Sat 20th May (Day 8) led by Holy Ascension

NB This service: 5.30 to 6.00pm

Sun 21st May – Final Worship Service

NB This service will start at 6.30pm

If any parishioner is interested in helping or leading any of the sessions (all materials are provided), please contact Stella Lunney email: stellalunney@btinternet.com leaving contact details.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM & LICHFIELD TRIP ON TUESDAY 23rd MAY

The coach will pick up from St Columba's car park just after 10am (setting off from Upton URC at 10am) Arriving at National Arboretum around 12.15pm to 3.45pm. Evensong at Lichfield is at 5.30pm, coach arriving back at 8.30pm.

TALK ON "REACHING THE UNREACHED":

The Chester parishes have been supporting the work of the charity "Reaching the Unreached" in southern India ever since its founding by Bro. James Kimpton in 1978. The present Director Fr. Antony Paulsamy is currently in the UK, and will be giving a talk about their wide-ranging work fighting poverty in rural villages. The talk is on **Tuesday 16th May**, 7.00 p.m. at St. Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road. All welcome!

SIERRA LEONE ORPHANS:

A small number of the orphan children I met in Sierra Leone from the St Mary's children's home are seeking help please for their ongoing education. They lived through the civil war and Ebola, and are keen to be good Leaders of Tomorrow for their country. Hassan John is just starting his training as a machine operator. Any contributions will be gratefully received and properly used. If you don't feel able to give, please pray for the young people. They will be most grateful to their prayer uncles and aunties! For contributions ring Heather 07840621878

CLEANERS' ROTA B (ST THERESA'S).

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS:

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church or the Iona Chapel, please make a booking through Carol Galvin, Church Office: 01244 624019, email stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth 382457 e-mail: a.wrigglesworth@outlook.com

Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church. Please ensure that all items are in place by 9.00 a.m. on **Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

This year is the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. To mark the centenary that National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is visiting the Cathedrals of England and Wales, accompanied by the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco. The statue will be at our Cathedral on the weekend of the 20th and 21st may (please see the poster for details) and we look forward to welcoming you as pilgrims – Canon Jonathan Mitchell, Cathedral Dean.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING FRIDAY 19th MAY:

Ellesmere Port & Chester Catenians are hosting an Evening of Music & Fun in Aid of Ellesmere Port & Chester Lourdes group at St Columba's Hall, Plas Newton CH2 1SA at 7pm for 7.30pm. Cheese & Nibbles with a complimentary glass of wine, coffee & tea. You can bring additional alcohol & glasses. (no drinks licence in the Parish Hall) Adult tickets only £7.50 Under 16's free. Tickets from Peter Devine 07825 172932 or John Murray 07740 203522

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE:

Tomato plants are **on sale in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday**. They are "Moneymaker" and "Gardener's Delight", 30p each. Sales are in aid of our Third World projects. If you would like some but can't pick them up please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323

CHORAL CONCERT CHESTER CATHEDRAL:

Chester Music Society Choir is giving a varied concert of French choral music, including Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass and Franck's Panis Angelicus. 7.30 p.m. on **Saturday 20th May**. Tickets £14 and £7, phone 01244 500959 or online via www.chestercathedral.com

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE-21st MAY:

This takes place at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Crew from 16.30-20.00. After the Veneration of the Relics of Our Lady of Fatima there will be a film show on the story of Our Lady of Fatima.

HOBSON'S CHOICE – 7th JUNE:

Bebbington Dramatic Society presents "Hobson's Choice" on Wed 7th June at 7.30pm at the Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight on behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society. Tickets cost £8 and are available from mark Traynor Tel: 07752317772 email: marktraynor96@gmail.com

MUSIC WORKSHOP:

'Singing the Mass' on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at St Winefride's, Neston from 10am-3pm. Led by Frances Novillo, this workshop is for anyone who sings or plays at church and will be an opportunity to meet musicians from other parishes. Cost is £10 per person which will include lunch. For full details and booking please visit www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music or contact Louise Wilkinson - 0151 336 1096.

COACH TRIP TO YNYS HIR SAT JUNE 3rd £15:

RSPB Chester group invite you on our coach trip to Ynys Hir a fabulous RSPB reserve near Machynlleth Powys. Meet at Sainsbury's car park, Caldly Valley 8.15am for 8.30am coach leaving. If interested please contact Marg Curtis 01244 318424.

NUNS AND ROSARIES CONCERT:

Nuns and Rosaries are hosting an evening of music & fun in aid of Ellesmere Port & Chester Lourdes Youth Group.

Nuns and Rosaries are a very talented group of musicians who play sing along and dance along songs. Please do come along for a night of fun, dancing and singing.

Friday 9th June, St Werburgh's Parish Centre Chester.

Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5.00, available from:

Anthony Hunt - 07714 160 268

John Murray – 07740 203 522

St Mary's Hooton – 0151 327 3158

Tony Hunt – 0151 339 9684